

ARE YOU UP FOR A

# MONSTROUS CHALLENGE

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DAVE

WRITING SCARY STORIES IS TONS OF FUN. YOU MIGHTN'T THINK IT, BUT READING A SCARY STORY IS LIKE BEING ON A ROLLERCOASTER OR TAKING A GHOST TRAIN AT A FUNFAIR. IT'S CONTROLLED SCARINESS. SCARINESS WHERE YOU'RE IN CHARGE. I GOT INTO WRITING BECAUSE I LOVE CREATING WEIRD MONSTERS FROM THE THINGS THAT SCARE ME. IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M IN CHARGE OF THEM INSTEAD OF THEM BEING IN CHARGE OF ME.



ALAN

## THINGS I FIND SCARY:

Dentists

Spiders

Spider Dentists

## THINGS YOU FIND SCARY:

THE THING IS, IT'S EASY TO MAKE A MONSTER FROM SOMETHING THAT SCARES YOU. A DARK NIGHT WHERE THE WIND IS HOWLING, AND FINGER-LIKE TREE BRANCHES ARE SCRATCHING AT YOUR WINDOW? THAT'S SCARY ALL BY ITSELF - IT DOESN'T NEED ANY HELP FROM YOU. WORSE, SOMEONE WHO READS YOUR STORY IS GOING TO EXPECT SCARINESS ON A NIGHT LIKE THAT. THEY'LL BE PREPARED. THAT'S NO GOOD - YOU WANT SOME SURPRISE IN YOUR SCARINESS!

I WANT TO CHALLENGE YOU TO MAKE SOMETHING THAT **ISN'T** SCARY INTO A MONSTER.

## THINGS I DON'T FIND SCARY:

Kittens



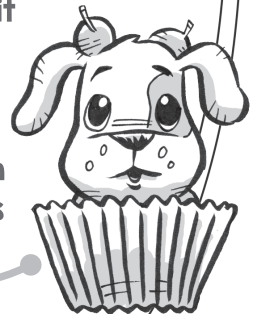
Puppies



Cupcakes



Puppies small enough to sit in cupcake wrappers with tiny cherries on their heads



## THINGS YOU DON'T FIND SCARY:

I WANT YOU TO LIST OUT THE **CUTEST POSSIBLE** THINGS YOU CAN, PICK ONE, AND THEN THINK ABOUT HOW YOU WOULD WRITE A SCARY STORY WITH SOMETHING NOT SCARY AT ITS HEART.

MAYBE IT'S ABOUT A CUTE LITTLE BABY WITH **MIND CONTROL POWERS**. MAYBE IT'S A STORY ABOUT A GERBIL WHO **PLANS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD**. KITTENS WITH SNAKE-TAILS, BABY ELEPHANTS BEHIND THE WHEEL OF A CITY-DESTROYING ROBOT, A CUPCAKE THAT EATS PEOPLE - THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

**GOOD LUCK!**